The Honorable Richard A. Jones 1 2 3 4 5 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON 6 AT SEATTLE 7 ABDIQAFAR WAGAFE, et al., No. 2:17-cv-00094-RAJ 8 Plaintiffs, STIPULATION FOR ORDER 9 REVISING CASE SCHEDULE; **ORDER THEREON** v. 10 DONALD TRUMP, President of the United States, et al., 11 12 Defendants. 13 WHEREAS the parties proposed a schedule for remaining pretrial elements of the case in 14 the Joint Status Report filed on May 26, 2020, which included a proposed deadline to exchange 15 final expert reports and a proposed deadline to complete all depositions by September 2, 2020 16 (Dkt. No. 359); and 17 WHEREAS the parties have been working diligently to complete depositions within that 18 agreed schedule, but despite those efforts, and due to recent case developments, the parties need 19 additional time to complete potential supplements to expert reports and to take remaining 20 depositions; and 21 WHEREAS the Court has directed the parties to meet and confer, and file a joint 22 submission regarding any proposed changes to the case schedule set forth in the May 26 Joint 23 Status Report (Dkt. No. 411); and

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WHEREAS the parties have met and conferred and jointly believe there is good cause for a modification of the case schedule, set out below, because of the necessities of the case,

NOW THEREFORE the parties through their respective counsel of record stipulate and agree that the Court may make and enter the following order:

The case schedule stipulated by the parties on May 26, 2020 (Dkt. #359), shall be modified as follows:

- (1) Plaintiffs' Rule 30(b)(6) deposition of USCIS took place on August 31, 2020 and September 3, 2020. Given that the content of the Rule 30(b)(6) deposition may impact their respective reports, Plaintiffs' expert Mr. Kruskol and Defendants' expert Dr. Siskin may submit additional reports, first by Mr. Kruskol and then by Dr. Siskin, and the parties may conduct depositions of Mr. Kruskol (or an alternate witness) and Dr. Siskin, after the Rule 30(b)(6) deposition pursuant to an agreed-upon schedule between the parties;
- (2) All other discovery (except for a potential deposition of Mr. Ostadhassan), including the four additional depositions allowed by the Court's Order on the Motion to Exclude (Dkt. No. 410), must be complete by October 7, 2020; and

One of the witnesses identified in Defendants' Fifth Supplemental Initial Disclosures is not available through October 7 because of scheduled maternity leave; and Defendants have not yet confirmed the availability of one other witness between now and October 7. Should Plaintiffs wish to depose any witness who is not available for a deposition on or before October 7, the parties agree that such depositions will take place as soon as practicable after October 7, and this will not affect the other deadlines proposed in this filing.

(3) The filing deadline for dispositive motions is November 19, 2020, except that

Defendants shall be permitted to file a cross-motion for summary judgment on or

before December 21, 2020. The parties currently anticipate there could be several

issues raised on motions for summary judgment or partial summary judgment, and

therefore have agreed to an extended briefing schedule for such motions, with all such
summary judgment motions to be noted for February 12, 2021:

- Plaintiffs' motion for summary judgment—November 19, 2020
- Defendants' cross-motion and opposition—December 21, 2020
- Plaintiffs' opposition and reply—January 27, 2021
- Defendants' reply—February 8, 2021

The parties have conferred about but have not yet to reached agreement on a proposal for page limits for summary judgment briefing. Any other motions due to be filed by the deadline for dispositive motions under the Local Rules, shall be filed by the above-stated November 19 deadline and briefed on the schedule set forth in the Local Rules.

Counsel for Defendants have indicated that Defendants may seek leave for additional depositions, beyond the limit of ten, to depose all, or some number of, six notice responders once Plaintiffs identify which of those six individuals Plaintiffs are continuing to pursue as potential trial witnesses. The parties previously agreed that Plaintiffs would have until September 14, 2020 to provide this additional information. Thus, if Defendants intend to proceed with a motion, Defendants intend to file the motion thereafter, by September 17, 2020. Plaintiffs oppose this request for additional depositions. The parties recognize that if such a motion is filed and granted, the case schedule may need to be altered again.

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**ORDER** IT IS SO ORDERED. DATED: September \_\_\_, 2020. RICHARD A. JONES United States District Judge